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Amendments to the Claims:

The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled)

8. (new) An epidermal growth factor polypeptide having at least 90% amino acid identity to SEQ ID NO: 1 and having epidermal growth factor biological activity in cell proliferation or receptor binding that is greater than the biological activity of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1, said polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

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